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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 6.9% IN JANUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 16, 1990 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 6.9 percent in January, compared with the same month a year earlier, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in January increased 3.5 percent. The available seat miles were up 2.6 percent, and the load factor amounted to 55.0 percent. The passenger enplanements in domestic service rose 3.4 percent to 30 million.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in January registered a gain of 18.2 percent. Available seat miles increased 11.7 percent. The load factor was 65.6 percent, and 3.0 million passengers were enplaned, compared with 2.8 million for January a year earlier.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JANUARY 1990 - 1989

	JANUARY			YEAR TO DATE		
	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	29,009	29,989	3.4	29,009	29,989	3.4
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	23,706,142	24,539,198	3.5	23,706,142	24,539,198	3.5
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	43,451,537	44,588,486	2.6	43,451,537	44,588,486	2.6
LOAD FACTOR (%)	54.6	55.0		54.6	55.0	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,788	3,030	8.7	2,788	3,030	8.7
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	7,161,539	8,464,851	18.2	7,161,539	8,464,851	18.2
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	11,561,485	12,912,666	11.7	11,561,485	12,912,666	11.7
LOAD FACTOR (%)	61.9	65.6		61.9	65.6	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	31,797	33,019	3.8	31,797	33,019	3.8
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	30,867,681	33,004,049	6.9	30,867,681	33,004,049	6.9
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	55,013,022	57,501,152	4.5	55,013,022	57,501,152	4.5
LOAD FACTOR (%)	56.1	57.4		56.1	57.4	

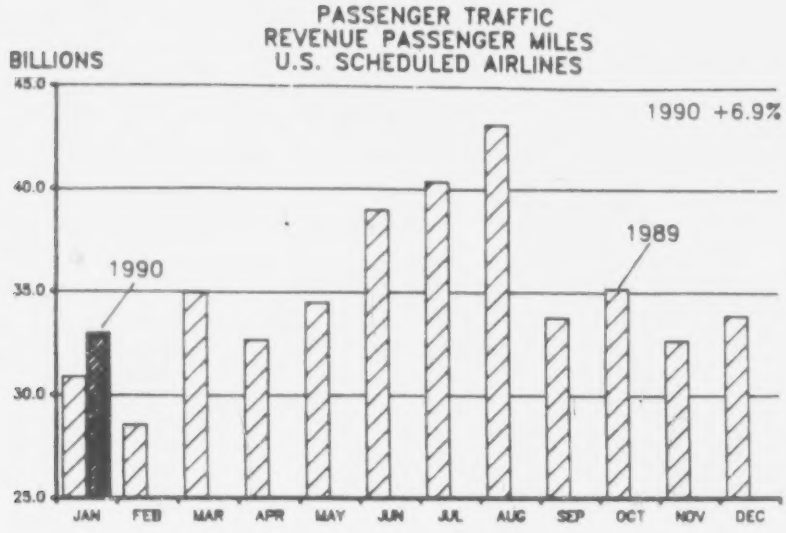
CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, AND SOUTHWEST.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989				
January	30,867,681	55,013,022	56.1	31,797
February	28,509,774	50,122,031	56.9	30,610
March	35,013,709	53,796,842	65.1	37,237
April	32,657,967	52,468,698	62.2	33,993
May	34,457,457	54,919,755	62.7	35,908
June	39,058,160	55,791,647	70.0	38,449
July	40,820,138	58,446,370	69.8	39,608
August	43,233,256	59,457,357	72.7	42,042
September	33,818,820	55,656,890	60.8	33,668
October	35,184,080	56,629,766	62.1	36,562
November	32,731,343	54,079,022	60.5	34,941
December	33,944,475	56,649,615	59.9	34,822
TOTAL 1989	420,296,860	663,031,015	63.4	429,637
January 1989	30,867,681	55,013,022	56.1	31,797
1990				
January	33,004,049	57,501,152	57.4	33,019
TOTAL 1990	33,004,049	57,501,152	57.4	33,019

PERCENT CHANGE

	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990/1989			
January	6.9	4.5	3.8


PASSENGER TRAFFIC
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
BILLIONS
45.0
40.0
35.0
30.0
25.0
1990 +6.9%
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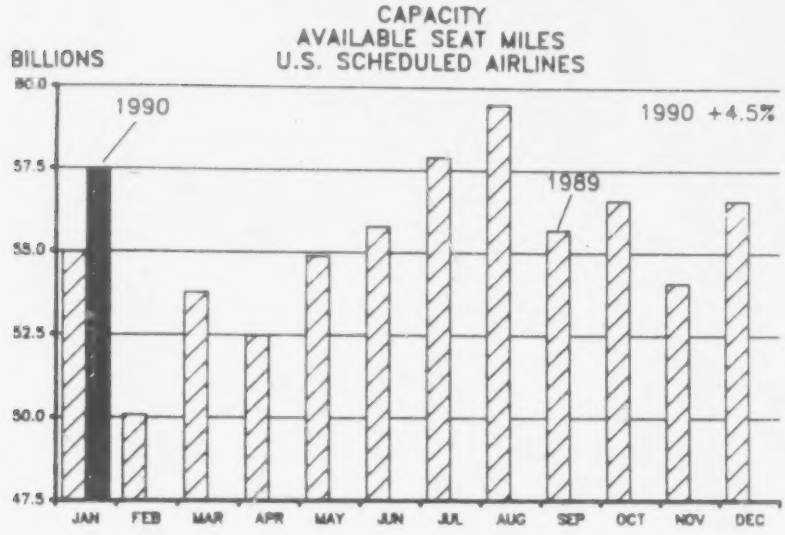
CAPACITY
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
BILLIONS
60.0
57.5
55.0
52.5
50.0
47.5
1990
1990 +4.5%
1989
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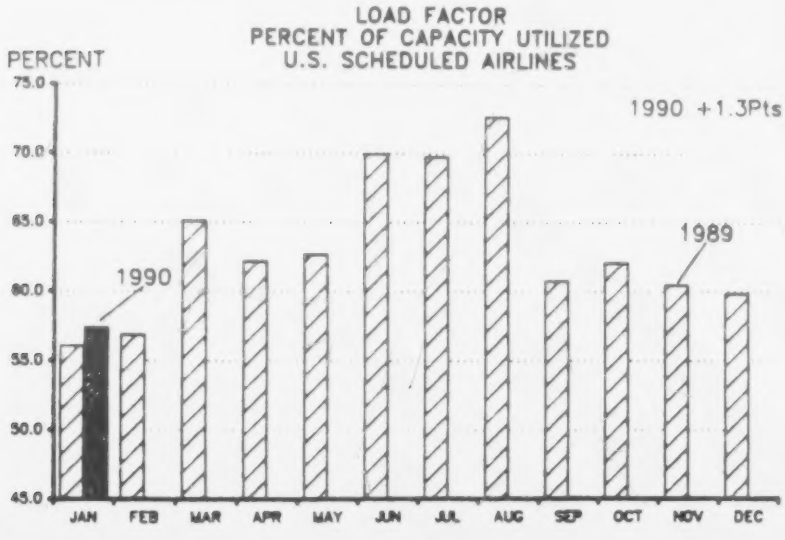
LOAD FACTOR
PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
PERCENT
75.0
70.0
65.0
60.0
55.0
50.0
45.0
1990 +1.3Pts
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